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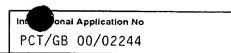
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Yes: Claims

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2. Citations and explanations see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

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VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made: see separate sheet

Re Item V

The document US-A-3 140 880(D1) is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1, and shows (the references in parentheses applying to this document): An air suspension anti-roll stabilisation system comprising air suspension means, such as at least one pair of air bags (30) air spring mounted upon an axle (12) via leaf spring suspension arms (22) of an associated vehicle on respective opposed sides of the longitudinal axis of the vehicle, with the axle (10) being located at least partially with respect to the frame or chassis (10) of the vehicle by means of a pair of leaf spring arms (22) which are located on respective opposed sides of the longitudinal vehicle axis anti of which each has one end mounted pivotally to the vehicle frame or chassis (10).

Such an air suspension anti-roll stabilisation system is also known from GB-A-1 506 849(D2).

The subject-matter of claim 1 is therefore not novel (Article 33(2) PCT).

Dependent claims 2 to 8 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step, the reasons being as follows:

The subject-matter of independent claims 2 to 5 and 7 are known from D1, see especially figure 2 and corresponding parts of the description.

The subject-matter of independent claim 8 is a normal design procedure and consequently, the subject-matter of claim 8 lacks an inventive step.

Re Item VII

Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the documents D1 and D2 is not mentioned in the description, nor are these documents identified therein.

The terminology and the signs shall be consistent throughout the international application, Rule 10(12) PCT. This is not the case with the "leaf spring arms", "leaf spring suspension arms", "longitudinal suspension arms" and "suspension arms" in claims 1, 4, 6 and 8 and on pages 9 to 15.

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Re Item VIII

The subject-matter of independent claim 6 contradicts that of claim 1 upon which it is depending in that the suspension arms=leaf spring arms are fixed and not pivotally mounted to the frame or chassis. Hence, claim 6 does not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT.

Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the documents D1 and D2 is not mentioned in the description, nor are these documents identified therein.



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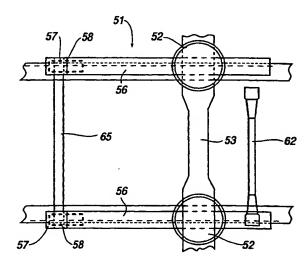
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(54) Title: AIR SUSPENSION ANTI-ROLL STABILISATION SYSTEM



(57) Abstract: An air suspension anti-roll stabilisation system (51; 71; 81) comprises air suspension means, such as at least one pair of air bags (52; 72; 82) air spring mounted upon an axle (53; 73; 83) via leaf spring suspension arms (56; 76; 86; 126; 136) of an associated vehicle on respective opposed sides of the longitudinal axis of the vehicle, with the axle (53; 73; 83) being located at least partially with respect to the frame or chassis (55; 79; 92) of the vehicle by means of a pair of leaf spring arms (56; 76; 86; 126; 136) which are located on respective opposed sides of the longitudinal vehicle axis and of which each has one end (57; 77; 84; 124) mounted pivotally to the vehicle frame or chassis (55; 79; 92), wherein anti-roll means (65; 75; 85; 105; 125; 135) is connected rigidly between the pair of longitudinal leaf spring suspension arms (56; 76; 86; 126; 136).

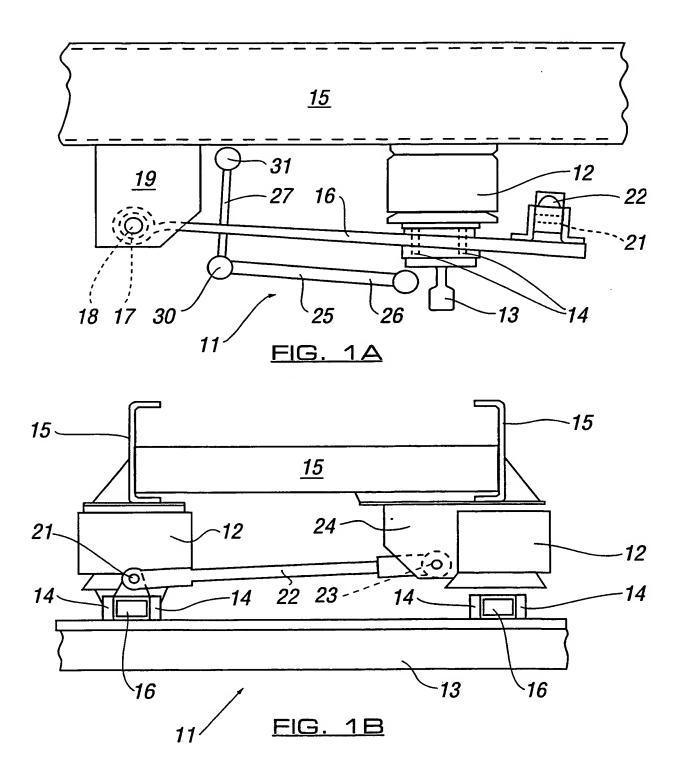


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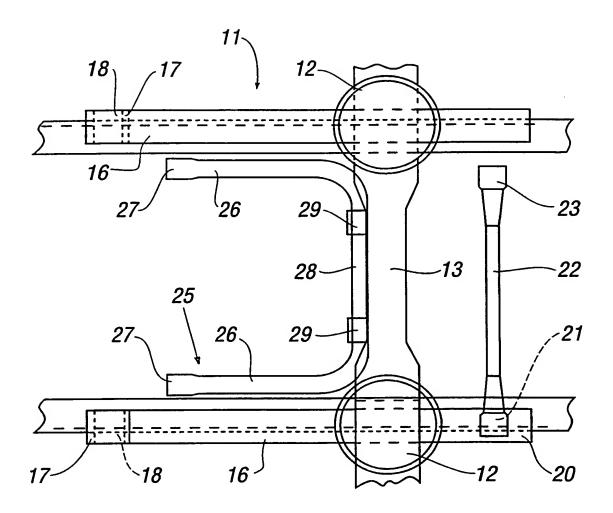
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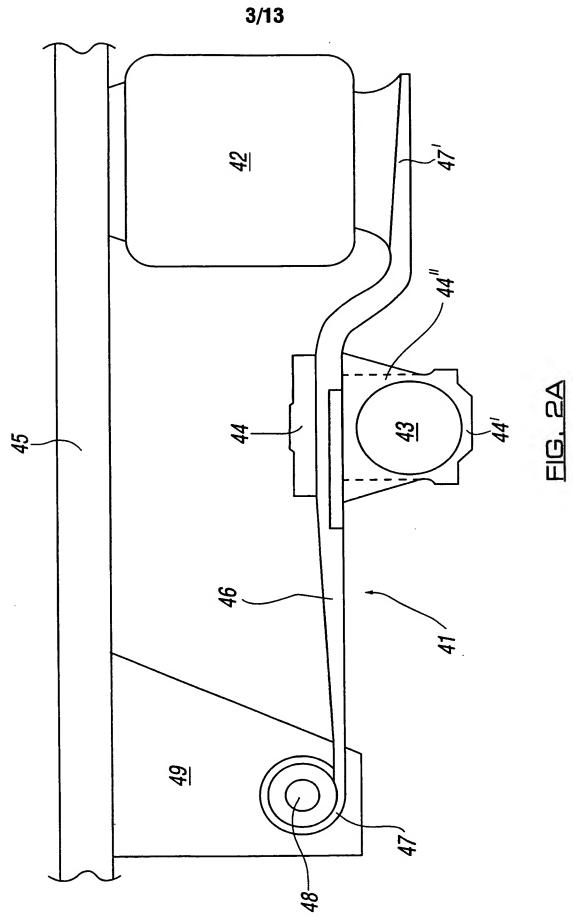
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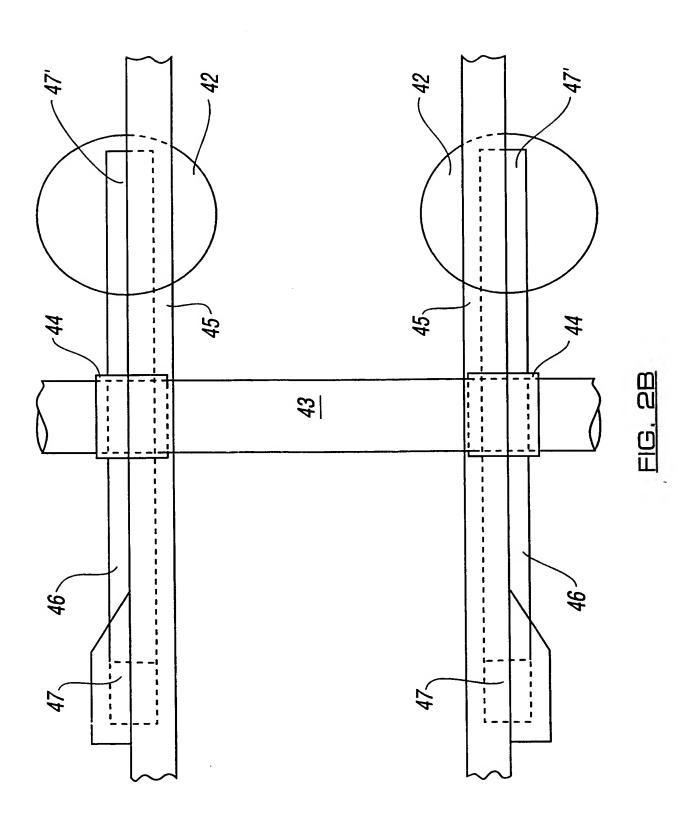
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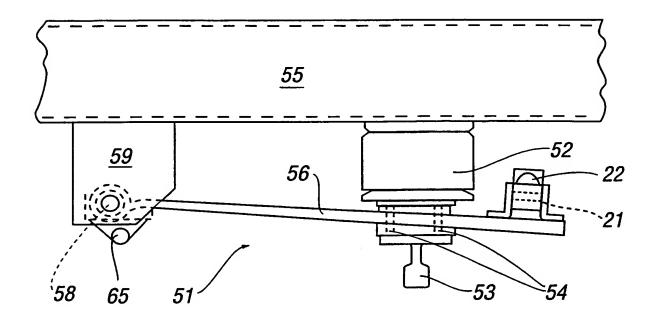


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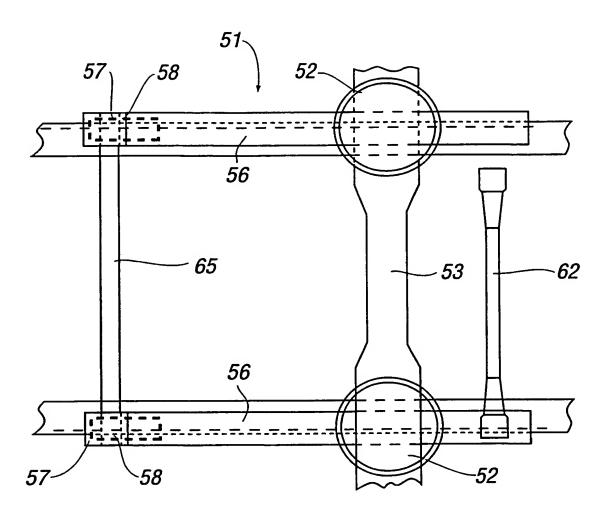
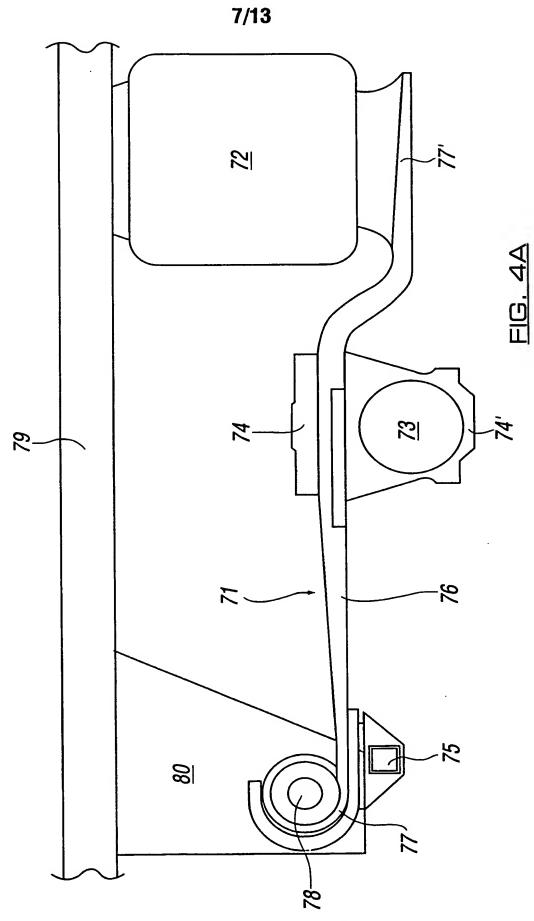
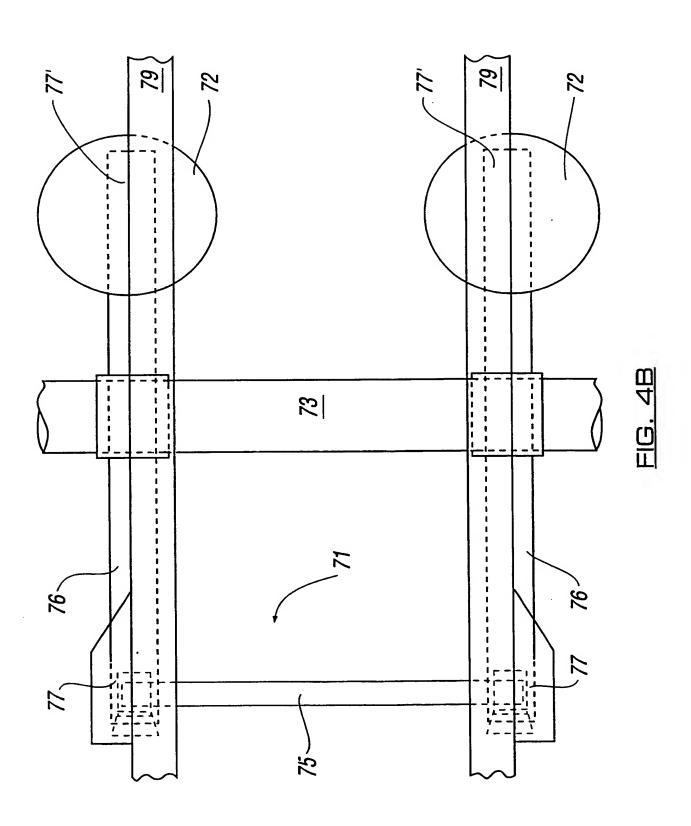


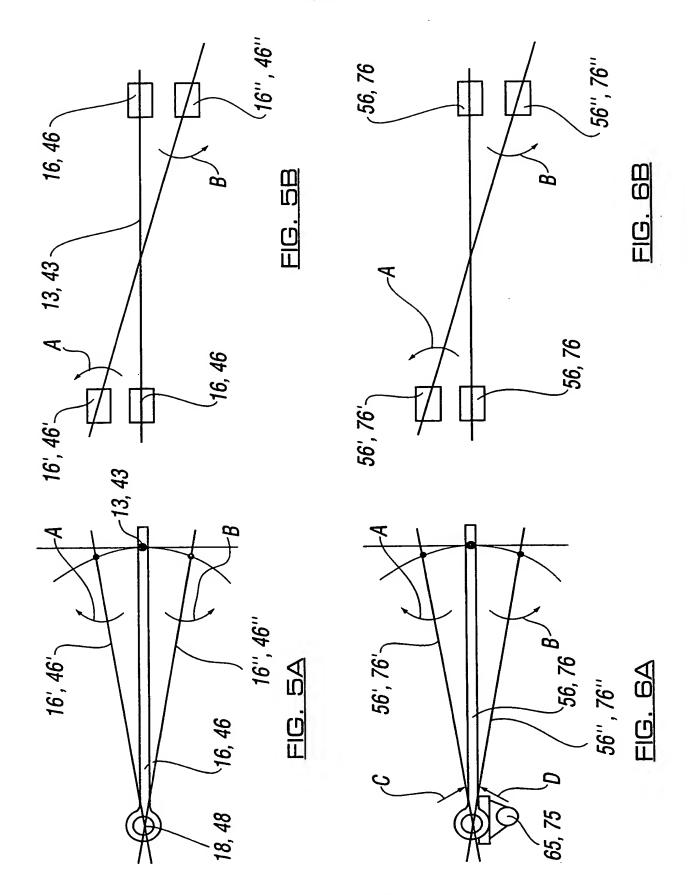
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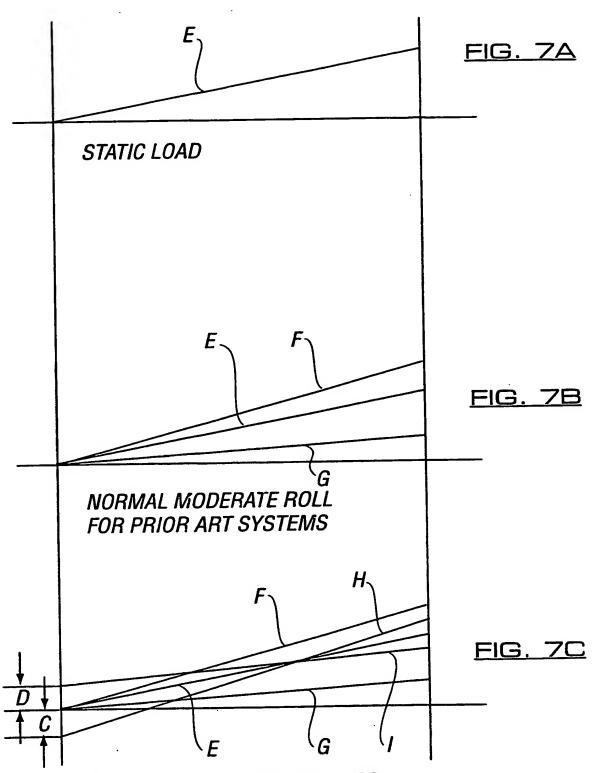
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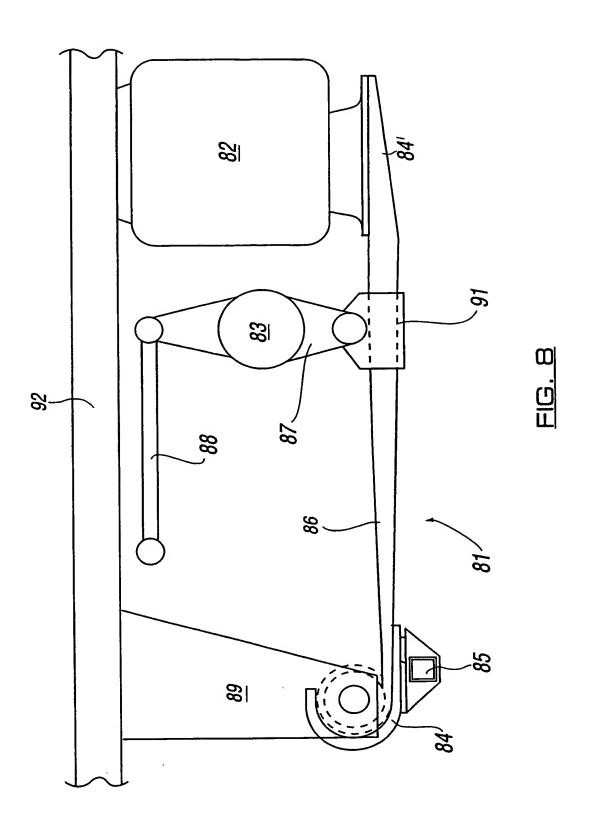
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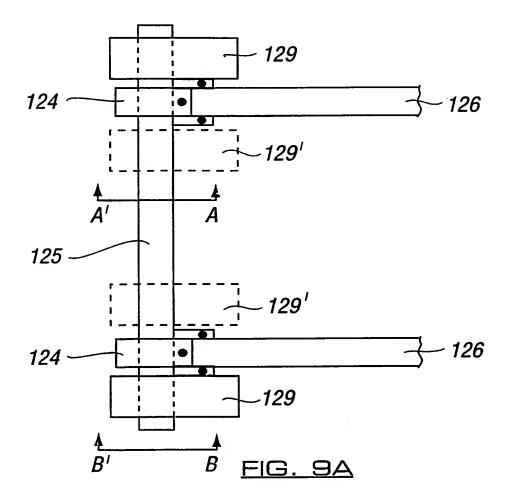
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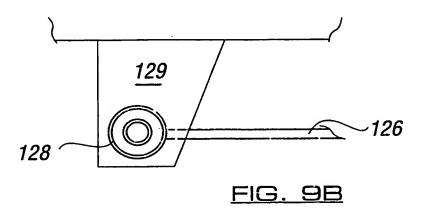
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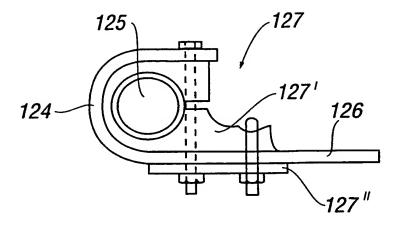
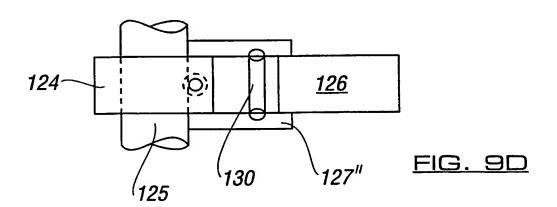
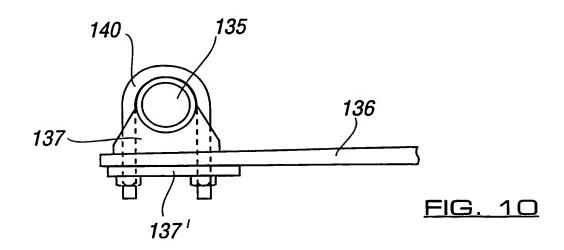


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